

WOLGAST BECOMES A TRIUMPH: LIKE FLYNN, HE TAKES BEATINGS

His Slump Has Been Sudden But So Decided That It Seems Anyone Can Beat Him; Defeats By Whitney and Cross Are Examples; Since Whitney Gave Former a Drubbing, Managers Are Chary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Ad Wolgast is rapidly becoming the Jim Flynn of the lightweight division. No matter who faces Ad, the result is always the same—downright trouncing for Ad. He is regarded as nothing more nor less than a trial horse. A lightweight who can lick Ad is deserving of further trial; one who can't beat him is no good and no more attention is paid to him.

The parallel between Flynn and Wolgast can be carried a bit further. A few years past they were at the top of their respective classes. Wolgast was lightweight champion of the world. Flynn was conceded to be the leader of the white heavyweights when at his best. He was advertised as the white champion and the hope of the white race when he had the famous, or infamous, bout with Jack Johnson at Las Vegas, N. M., in which the negro drubbed him so badly that the police had to intervene. Since that day Flynn has been beaten by nearly every man he has met. One thing can be said of him, though—he has given the public the money's worth every time and has kept his opponent on his feet all the way in order to avoid disaster.

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LEG BROKEN, PECK WINS HONORS IN PITTSBURGH FOOTBALL TEAM

For Two Seasons He Has Played With Teams, Despite Fracture; Wouldn't Let Doctor Examine Him Because He Wanted to Stay in Game; Professional Baseball Players Lay Off When Slightly Ailing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—What a vast difference there is in the game, the fighting spirit and the capacity for suffering between the professional baseball player and the college football player.

Whenever a baseball player contracts a headache, a sprained arm, or a skinned shin, he rushes off to the doctor's office, summons a flock of medical attendants, and then decides to take about four weeks lay-off until the ache or abrasion has disappeared.

But whenever the football player is injured—well, read the case of Bob Peck, the brilliant all-American center of the University of Pittsburgh eleven.

During the Pittsburgh-Washington and Jefferson game in 1914, Peck, who then was playing in the halfback position, was injured. He was in terrible pain for many hours after the accident, but he refused to let the doctors examine the leg, fearing that the doctors would order him to the hospital.

Decided Limp in Leg.

Peck followed the Saturday and played every Saturday until the end of the season, but he was handicapped in his speed by a decided limp in his right leg.

When the Pittsburgh gridiron warriors assembled for training in 1915 coach Joe Duff decided that Peck would do as a halfback. His leg continued to pain him and he had to humor it. He tried to walk without a limp so that the coaches would give him a job on the eleven—but Duff noticed the limp.

Peck is a fiery, fearless player, and one whose aggressiveness helped greatly in keeping up the spirits of his fellows. Duff didn't want to lose him so he tried him out at center, where speed is not so essential, and despite the handicap of an ailing leg he ranked as the greatest all-around center in the country at the end of the 1914 season.

When the 1915 season began Peck was back at center for Pittsburgh, and it was his brilliant playing that aided the Pitt eleven in winning its eight straight victories. The limp still remained with Peck, the pain in his leg oftentimes was agonizing. But he ignored the advice of the coaches and his teammates to go to a doctor and have it examined.

"What'll I do that for?" he asked. "Maybe there really is something wrong with it and then I can't play anymore."

In the Carnegie game this year Peck got in a scrimmage and when the play started he tackled himself, Peck lay at the bottom of the heap—semi-conscious and with his leg doubled up under him.

WALLACE FIGHTS AND STUDIES LAW BREAKS SEVERAL RING TRADITIONS

Fights Kilbane and Williams Within Month at Different Weights and Makes Bid for Battle With Welsh; While Fighting and Studying Law He Runs a Laundry Route; Williams and Erle to Fight Soon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The million-dollar boxing game has arrived. It has been precipitated by Eddie Wallace, nee Able Kawa-Rick, who despite the latter name, is champion featherweight of Brooklyn. Wallace has upset all ring traditions and precedents by taking the fighting game as a means of attaining his life's ambition. Wallace would become a member of this nation's judiciary, and if persistently is rewarded little Eddie will realize his dream.

Wallace is a ring oddity in many ways. He is the first of the boxing clan to choose the law as a means of livelihood when his fighting days are over. He is also the first to box two champions in different divisions within the space of a month. Besides being a boxer and an embryo lawyer, Wallace is a business man. He has invested good deal of his ring earnings in a laundry route. His income is varied, but at present boxing brings him the greatest revenue.

Found Kilbane and Williams.

Last February Wallace fought "Kid" Williams, world's featherweight champion, a hard ten round war. Wallace was compelled to make weight—126 pounds ring-side—a low weight for him. He entered the ring in a weakened condition yet matched the champion in skill and punching power throughout the ten rounds.

Just four weeks later, Wallace entered the same ring; but this time his opponent was Johnny Kilbane, champion featherweight of the world. Wallace also made weight for Kilbane—125 pounds ring-side. This is his normal poundage, and he gave Kilbane the fight of his young life. Recently, in reviewing his ring career, Kilbane declared that Eddie Wallace gave him the hardest battle he ever experienced.

Offers to Fight Welsh.

Two weeks after the Kilbane affair, Wallace offered to fight Freddy Welsh, the world's lightweight champion. But Freddy declined a previous engagement and the match is still pending. Wallace was virtually promised a world title and negotiations will be closed as soon as Welsh returns to New York.

Wallace confesses to several reverses in the ring. He admits being beaten by Kilbane and one or two others. But he has never been floored; and this is a record few boxers can boast of these days.

Win By Fight or Argument.

A favorite expression of Wallace's is: "If I can't beat them to the punch, I can argue them out of the decision." But Eddie seldom likes to talk his way to a verdict in the ring; he employs his fists to gain that end. Wallace is biding his time for the Welsh match; mean while he expects for a return battle with Kilbane. Eddie is confident he can reverse their last result if given the chance. Wallace has outscored a number of light weight contenders, among them Phil Bloom and Johnny Dundee.

Williams and Erle to Meet.

Johnny "Kid" Williams and Johnny "Kewpie" Erle are soon to come to-

CORNELL WANTS WRESTLING TITLE

Coach Has 100 Candidates Training to Compete for Intercollegiate Title.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Walter O'Connell, instructor in wrestling and coach of the Cornell matmen, who has made a phenomenal record in this important branch of sports, has 100 candidates working out in his attempt to develop a team which will capture another intercollegiate championship.

Cornell has won the wrestling title four times in succession and is naturally anxious to repeat this year, but owing to the loss of some mighty good veteran material, the coach faces a difficult task.

Cornell won the meet at South Bethlehem last year by scoring 24 points to 19 by Lehigh, 13 each by Princeton, and Pennsylvania and four by Columbia.

Three of the wrestlers whose work clinched the championship for the Ithaca team were graduates last June. They are H. J. Gallosky, captain of last year's team who won the intercollegiate championship in the 154-pound class, and E. J. Culbertson, winner of the intercollegiate championship in the 115-pound class.

A singular feature of the Cornell wrestling success is that Walter O'Connell is not and never claimed to be a great wrestler himself. He has taken part in few wrestling matches, but he is a close student of the sport and has an uncanny power to pick out good material and to develop it along modern, scientific wrestling lines.

gether in a match to settle the heavyweight championship. Jim Johnston, manager of Madison Square Garden, made the late a proposition, and is awaiting an answer.

Erle, after winning from Williams on a foul, was averse to giving the "Kid" a return match. But he has since reconsidered, and is willing, even eager, for another bout as he wishes to establish his superiority over Williams and thus become the undisputed heavyweight champion.

"Kewpie" Erle has a younger brother in the ring, who weighs even less than "Kewpie's" 112 pounds. The younger Erle scales in at 105 pounds, and is now working to claim the flyweight championship for his province.

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BILLY GIBSON, whose chief bid for fame, until recently, was that of a boxing promoter, is becoming a real live manager of fighters. Billy took hold of Jim Coffey and made him a great favorite in New York and now he is boosting Benny Leonard, who handled a "kay" to Joe Mandot in New York on Friday night of last week. Billy sends such a big grist of newspaper accounts of that fight that our wastepaper basket is overflowing. However, they made good reading, and made it clear that Benny's victory was no fluke. Incidentally, the same papers contain roasts of Ad Wolgast for entering the ring against Leach Cross when he was in no fit condition to don the gloves and we can now understand why the New York state boxing commission threatens to put a ban on the ex-champion.

PRESS agents of the Fourth field artillery, in boosting the football game for New Year's day between the Fourth and the 11th infantry for the border championship, have conferred a title on mayor Tom Lea and it is quite proper to now address him as "Colonel." At least, that's how the press agents have him plastered.

GOSH all hemlock! The women have been chasing the vote—and the men—for years and now they are invading the sacred ranks of pugilism! Quite recently the fair sex broke into the game as managers of boxers and now comes Mrs. Frances Weston, who will manage the well-known Longacre A. C. of New York. What next?

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